



# Department of Defense INSTRUCTION

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SUBJECT: Military Awards Program

- References: (a) DoD Instruction 1348.33, "Military Awards Program," August 26, 1985 (hereby canceled)
- (b) [DoD 1348.33-M](#), "Manual of Military Decoration and Awards," current edition
- (c) [DoD 5025.1-M](#), "DoD Directives System Procedures," March 5, 2003

## 1. PURPOSE

This Instruction:

- 1.1. Reissues reference (a).
- 1.2. Authorizes the publication of reference (b) pursuant to reference (c).

## 2. APPLICABILITY

This Instruction applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities in the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the "DoD Components").

## 3. POLICY

It is DoD policy to provide, through the DoD Military Awards Program, tangible recognition for acts of valor, exceptional service or achievement, and acts of heroism

not involving actual combat. Such recognition fosters morale, incentive, and esprit de corps.

#### 4. RESPONSIBILITIES

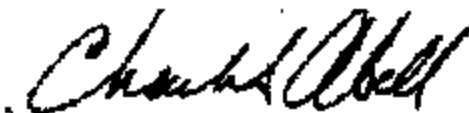
4.1. The Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall develop, publish, and maintain a DoD publication that shall provide the guidance and procedures for the following:

- 4.1.1. Awarding of Defense decorations and Service awards.
- 4.1.2. Acceptance of U.S. nonmilitary decorations.
- 4.1.3. Acceptance of foreign decorations by U.S. Service members.
- 4.1.4. Awarding of U.S. decorations to foreign military personnel.

4.2. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall regulate under applicable statutes and Executive orders the military service awards within their Departments.

#### 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Instruction is effective immediately.

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Charles S. Abell  
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for Personnel and Readiness